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2. Emmett Echols was up to discuss several items.

a. Emmett delivered his proposed early retirement regulation, and I sent copies of it immediately to DD/S Office Heads with the request that they give us their comments by noon on Monday, 1 June. Emmett advised me that Ray Cline's philosophy about DD/I people retiring with a full annuity at age 60 or 62 when eligible is in sharp contrast with Bob Amory's. Ray thinks generally that people should retire but says that so many exceptions are being made in other parts of the Agency that it is difficult for him to enforce this policy. Emmett agreed with me that this sounded like Ray is looking for an easy way out instead of accepting the responsibility to administer this policy with flexibility. I suggested to Emmett that he prepare a consolidated report which we could send forward to the Office of the Director showing the number of exceptions which have been made by name and component.

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b. Emmett presented me with a proposal to have General Carter throw out the first ball when the new baseball diamonds are opened next Wednesday, 3 June, and to have a short dedication ceremony, at which time the fields would be named the [REDACTED] Memorial Field. I discussed this with Mr. Kirkpatrick, who accepted my recommendation that we have no dedication ceremony on such short notice and that we not name these fields after anybody without very careful consideration. I passed this information to [REDACTED] and told him to invite General Carter to throw out the first ball; if he is not available, they should then invite Mr. Kirkpatrick.

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c. I authorized Emmett to approve Matt Baird's request to renew [REDACTED] reserve appointment for three years.

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